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Delegates Charles-Newton and Tso Congratulate New Navajo Police Officers at Academy Graduation



Navajo Nation Council Delegates Eugenia Charles-Newton, at left, and Eugene Tso, at right, take a picture with the Navajo Police Training Academy graduating class 53 in Chinle, Ariz., Feb. 22.

CHINLE, Ariz. – Council Delegates Eugenia Charles-Newton (Shiprock) and Eugene Tso (Chinle) represented the 24th Navajo Nation Council at the Navajo Police Training Academy Class 53 graduation ceremony held at the Chinle Community Center on Feb. 22.

Delegate Charles-Newton joined hosting Delegate Tso in witnessing the culmination of 26 weeks of police academy training come to an end with 16 Navajo Police Officer recruits receiving their police badges.

“After the ceremony, Delegate Tso and I thanked the officers for their service, dedication, and commitment to our people, communities, and Nation,” Delegate Charles-Newton said. “We thanked all who were in attendance, especially the families who were there to witness this momentous occasion.”

According to the training academy, it offers recruits preparation to become Navajo police officers “in an environment of respect, self-discipline, strict accountability, academic achievement, integrity, teamwork and professionalism.”

Council Speaker Seth Damon (Bááhááíí, Chichiltah, Manuelito, Tsé Lichíí, Rock Springs, Tsayatoh) applauded the graduating class for their dedication and hard work in the police academy.

“The true spirit and selfless dedication these recruits have demonstrated is commendable, as they conquered their first hurdle of what will surely be long public safety careers,” Speaker Damon said. “The Navajo People have entrusted these graduates to fulfill their duties with honor, dignity, and respect for tradition. I commend them for their courage and bravery.”

The 16 recruits took their oaths of office, and became bone fide Navajo Police Officers, who are set to begin duty at their designated districts immediately.

The graduates will now adhere to the Navajo Police Department Mission.

“We are dedicated to serving and protecting our people, in partnership with our communities to enhance the quality of life within the Navajo Nation.”

Other dignitaries present at the ceremony were Navajo President Jonathan Nez, Vice President Myron Lizer, Navajo Nation Division of Public Safety Executive Director Jesse Delmar, Chief of Police Phillip Francisco, Deputy Chief of Police Daryl Noon, U.S. Marine Corps Veteran Marcus Chischilly, and District Judge Cynthia Thompson.

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